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Senate presents new diversity plan

By Heidi Laurenzano
Special to the Daily

The executive committee of the Academic Senate endorsed Tuesday a temporary plan that will allow for diversity considerations in the admissions process in light of Proposition 209.

The new state law set forth by the initiative, deemed constitutional by the Supreme Court in September, prohibits state universities from giving special consideration to minorities and women in the admissions process. Since the mid-1980s Cal Poly gave bonus points to minority and women applicants in an effort to increase diversity

QUICK FACTS

- The new admissions plan will give bonus points to applicants from households of a lower socio-economic bracket.

among the student population.

The plan, cranked out in three weeks, allows admissions staff to give bonus points to applicants who come from households of a lower socio-economic bracket. Specifically, potential students whose parents did not graduate from high school and whose family earns less than \$36,000 per year will receive the points.

Applicants whose mother or father did not graduate from high school will earn 500 points for each parent while those whose households netted low incomes will earn 250 points.

Under the old diversity system, applicants of under-represented races could earn up to 750 points. Women earned up to 375 points. Veterans, given the highest number of bonus points at 751, are expected to receive the same number of points under the

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Rose Float brings home Founder's Award



Illustration courtesy of Rose Float Committee

Cal Poly schools join forces to create award-winning float

By Nicole Belt
Daily Staff Writer

Everything came up roses New Year's Day for the Cal Poly Rose Float Club, which came home with the Founder's Trophy from the Tournament of Roses parade in Pasadena.

This year's float is the sixth Cal Poly float to win the Founder's Award since 1976. The award goes to the most beautiful entry built and decorated purely by volunteer power.

The 50th Cal Poly float, "Countryside Joyride," displayed a barnyard theme and featured a cow driving a tractor.

"Since the theme of the parade is having fun, this cow thought it would be fun to steal his owner's tractor. He loses control, breaks through the barn, and goes haywire, leaving skid marks all over the float," said Anthony Galvan, club



Daily photo by Xavier Lanier

Civil engineering senior Kirsten Zydel drove the Rose float this year.

member and aeronautical engineering sophomore.

Out of 54 floats entered in the parade this year, six were self-built, meaning those not built by a professional organization. Cal Poly competed against these six for the award. This year, four of the self-built floats won awards over the professional floats.

"It feels good to win the award since it shows we are doing a first-class job against professionals. It's always good to see a year's worth of effort come to fruition," said Paul Hartwell, mechanical engineering sophomore and assistant construction chair.

The Cal Poly float was the only one entered by a university. Every year, the two sister schools, Cal Poly Pomona and

San Luis Obispo, converge to build the float.

The schools have three meetings around January or February to design the float, and then don't meet again until November when they join together the two halves, said Construction Chair Kirsten Zydel, a civil engineering senior.

The construction chair earns the privilege of driving the float. San Luis Obispo and Pomona alternate drivers each year. This year Zydel drove the float and said it was like driving a big car, only with a limited field of vision.

"The windshield was about 1.5 inches tall and two feet long. I could see directly in

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Firestone visits campus



Daily photo by David Wood

Congressional candidate Brooks Firestone describes his political views to students Tuesday in the U.U.

By Mary Hadley
Daily News Editor

With the special primary election looming next Tuesday, Brooks Firestone, a Republican seeking to become the next congressional representative of the 22nd district, visited campus Tuesday afternoon.

Students had the chance to say hello, shake his hand and ask Firestone what he plans to accomplish in Congress if he's elected to fill the seat left vacant

by the October death of Democrat Walter Capps.

Firestone said that despite their different political party affiliations, he agrees with many of the ideals Capps stood for. "He (Capps) only had a few months or so in office, but I liked what he talked about, especially bipartisanship and decency in government, and constituent service," Firestone said.

Firestone is a moderate Republican with a pro-choice

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Life moves SLO-ly while students are on vacation

Shoshana Hebshi
Daily News Editor

Welcome back!

The SLO life keeps on keepin' on, even when students vacate the town. Here's what you missed around here.

In the political scene, congressional candidates for the 22nd district seat have been plugging away, reaching voters around the county as the election creeps up. The primary election is on Jan. 13. The main contenders—or at least the ones who seem to have bought the most television commercial time—are Republican candidates Tom Bordonaro and Brooks Firestone and Democratic candidate Lois Capps.

During Cal Poly's break, a methamphetamine "epidemic" was uncovered at Paso Robles High School. A student there estimated that 40 percent of her schoolmates had used the drug. The administration has ordered a crackdown.

Closer to the coast, the pressure has been rising in regard to the proposal for development at the Hearst Ranch property slightly north of Cambria. The Hearst Corp. owns the land and has proposed to build a golf course, a resort hotel and an equestrian center on San Simeon point. Many local residents don't want the land to be developed and the Coastal Commission has been working with concerned groups and the Hearst Corp. to come to a compromise.

As for El Niño, as you can

tell, Cal Poly didn't wash away from the storm of the century. San Luis Obispo recorded 4.52 inches of rain. Normal rainfall for this time of year is 3.75 inches.

Slightly south of the city, the huge oil tanks that Unocal set up on the hills overlooking Avila Beach years ago have been torn down.

A six-month study also concluded that the health of Avila residents will not be affected by the 400,000-gallon spill of petroleum products under the town.

Higuera Street has taken its share of beatings. After 87 years, the bridge over San Luis Obispo Creek, which flows beneath Higuera Street downtown, is rapidly deteriorating. In order to avoid the road caving in, engineers are urging the city to replace rather than repair the damage. The project could take up to two years and cost up to \$9 million.

Say good-bye to General Hospital. It will be closed by the end of June. Low-income patients' health care will be provided by Vista Hospital Systems, which also operates French Hospital Medical Center.

The CSU's new chancellor, Charles Reed, has stepped in to take over for Barry Munitz, who left to head up the J. Paul Getty Trust.

Approximately 200 undergraduate students entered the Cal Poly ranks this quarter replacing about 900 students who walked through commencement on Dec. 13. Congratulations to those who have moved on to bigger and bet-

Nichols escapes death penalty for bombing

By Steven K. Paulson
Associated Press

DENVER - In a bitter disappointment to the families of the Oklahoma City bombing victims, Terry Nichols escaped the death penalty Wednesday when a jury deadlocked over his punishment.

U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch dismissed the jury and will instead impose a sentence himself. Nichols could get up to life in prison without parole; under federal law, only a jury can impose a death sentence.

Nichols, 42, sat expressionless upon learning he would not join his Army buddy Timothy McVeigh on death row, then smiled and hugged one of his lawyers after the jury left the room. Another lawyer patted him on the back.

"I guess that's what we hoped and prayed for," said Nichols' sister, Suzanne McDonnell.

A bank clerk on the jury cried, and others looked dejected when the judge announced he was taking over the sentencing.

After deliberating 13 1/2 hours over two days, the jurors couldn't agree on the key question they had to answer to consider the death penalty: whether Nichols took part in the plot with the knowledge someone could die.

"The differences of opinion were very strong," said jury forewoman Niki Deutchman. "The sentencing phase obviously was excruciating. It was agonizing."

No immediate sentencing date was set.

Victims' relatives were stunned. Some cried in court; others later expressed disappointment and anger.

"I don't think this jury understood or had enough gumption to want to do this case the way it should have been done," said Fred

Anderson, whose wife, Rebecca, was killed when she was hit with debris while helping the victims.

Marsha Kight, who lost her daughter, Frankie Merrill, in the bombing, said: "I'm extremely disappointed in my fellow man."

"I lost my daughter and 167 others lost their family members, too," she said, breaking into sobs. "I just don't understand."

Nichols could still wind up on death row because the district attorney in Oklahoma City has said he will bring Nichols and McVeigh to trial on state murder charges and press for the death penalty. "It's not over yet," District Attorney Bob Macy said.

"The goal is whoever blew up that building down the street and killed all those people face justice. The men that did that need to die," Macy said later.

Defense attorney Michael Tigar said the judge gave the public a lesson in the justice system and "we're pleased."

Prosecutor Larry Mackey said he understood "how difficult it must have been" for the jurors, although "the victims are disappointed."

In June, a jury ordered a death sentence for McVeigh after convicting him of murder, conspiracy and use of a truck bomb in the April 19, 1995, attack on the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building that killed 168 people.

At Nichols' trial, prosecutors argued that while Nichols was at home in Herington, Kan., when the bomb went off, he worked side by side with McVeigh to build and pay for the fuel-and-fertilizer bomb and put in place the getaway car McVeigh used.

Key pieces of evidence included a receipt for a ton of fertilizer in Nichols' kitchen drawer and a letter to McVeigh telling him to "go

for it."

Nichols was convicted on Dec. 23 of conspiracy and eight counts of involuntary manslaughter. But he was acquitted of first-degree murder and use of a truck bomb in the deadliest terrorist act ever on U.S. soil.

The mixed verdict had led legal analysts to predict that the jury would spare Nichols' life.

Deutchman, the forewoman, said Nichols was convicted of involuntary manslaughter instead of murder because "it was very hard to say from the evidence presented what Terry Nichols' role was."

The jurors found him guilty of conspiracy because they believed "he knew there was something big and nasty about to happen," she said.

In the trial's penalty phase, the jurors could have recommended death or life in prison, either of which would have been binding on the judge, or they could have decided unanimously to let the judge impose some lesser sentence.

All 12 jurors had to agree on the question of intent beyond a reasonable doubt before they could even proceed to consider the death penalty on his conspiracy conviction.

But the seven women and five men sent three notes over two days telling the judge that they could not agree on that question.

Deutchman said there were many different views among jurors on how much Nichols was involved, "all the way from a very tiny amount, to totally."

She said the prosecution "perhaps really dropped the ball" in not following up on other possible conspirators, a point the defense had made during the trial. "I think there are other people out there," she said.



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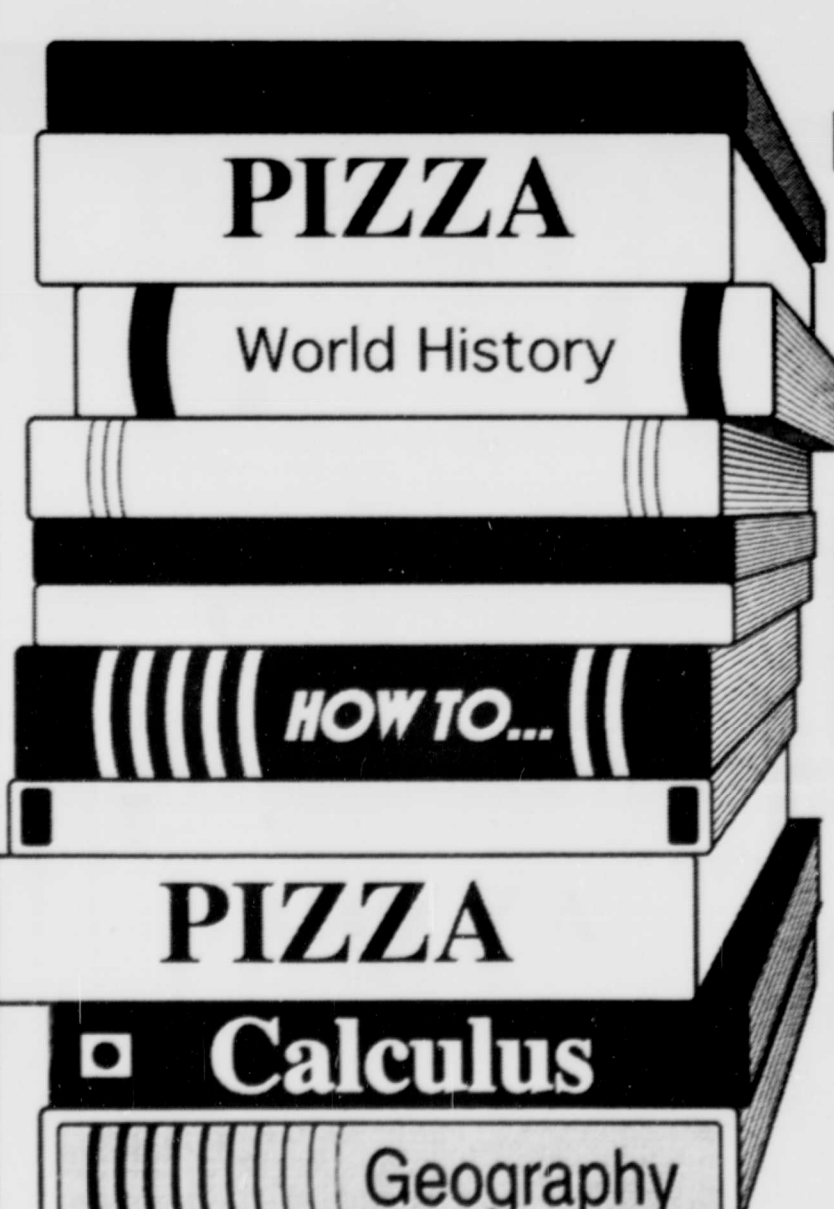
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Electronic tax filing cuts down on errors

By Rob Wells
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - This year, you're going to hear plenty of hype about the virtues of filing your taxes electronically.

But through the noise, consider this juicy fact: tax returns filed electronically have a less than 1 percent error rate, thereby eliminating one reason for the IRS to send you an audit letter.

Increasing electronic filing of tax returns is a goal shared by the Clinton administration, Congress and the IRS itself. But the public has been slow to catch on.

More than 60 million taxpayers could have had their returns filed electronically in 1997 because they were prepared on computers by tax preparers but instead were filed on paper, according to the Treasury Department.

Of the 121 million individual tax returns filed this year, only 19.2 million were filed either through computers or a special touch-tone telephone filing program, the Treasury Department said.

And despite the explosive growth of personal computers and Internet access, just 367,000 taxpayers filed their taxes electronically using their home computers and tax preparation software.

For many, the sticking point has been the extra \$10 people have to pay for processing.

But this year, the two leading tax software programs - Turbo Tax and Kiplinger's Tax Cut - are making a dent in that barrier by offering free electronic filing.

Facts about individual tax forms filed in 1996, according to IRS:

- Individual returns: 118.8 million
- People who took standard deduction: 71 percent
- People who itemized: 29 percent
- Paper returns: 113.8 million
- Electronically filed: 15 million
- Business returns: 18.3 million
- Schedule C (sole proprietors): 16.4 million

er by offering free electronic filing. Kiplinger allows free electronic filing, while Turbo Tax will offer it with the deluxe version of its tax software.

"The reason for the free electronic filing is that focus groups tell us, 'Why should I pay for something that I could do for free?'" said Gene Goldenberg, vice president and publisher at Block Financial Corp., maker of Kiplinger's Tax Cut. Turbo Tax is made by Intuit Corp. Intuit also intends to offer simplified tax filing from its Internet site for \$9.95.

"We're really excited that they've decided to do this," said Steve Holden, director of electronic program enhancements at the IRS. "The potential to be able to grow that number significantly is very exciting."

The IRS has been pushing for electronic filing for many rea-

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Academic Senate approves catalog choice

By Heidi Laurenzano
Special to the Daily

Students gained Tuesday new freedom in catalog selection.

The executive committee of the Academic Senate voted to allow students to choose any catalog issued during their Cal Poly attendance rather than be bound to the catalog used at their time of acceptance or at their time of graduation.

Marlene Cartter, academic records associate registrar, said that evaluations has received thousands of petitions to change catalogs, especially in light of the one-year 1997-1998 catalog.

"Students are constantly worrying about (unit) changes," Cartter said. "They don't know about them until they're almost

done (with their education)."

When asked why one-year catalogs have been employed as of late, Cartter cited many reasons: the changing of academic programs, the change of classes from three units to four units and the revamping of majors. She said that catalogs are coming out yearly to accommodate changes in these areas as they come.

Under the current system, students' requests are always honored in the end, but not without what Cartter called "a lot of paperwork." Cartter said the petition usually takes a few days to circulate.

Tim Kersten, senator caucus chair from the College of Business, wanted to make sure that students don't "shop for the cheapest catalog."

Students won't be able to change their minds after they've filed their requests for graduation evaluation. Each request for graduation evaluation form will include a reminder that informs students that this is the last chance to note which catalog they wish to follow.

The CSU-wide Title 5 sets forth regulations for catalogs. Each campus can decide to interpret it strictly or more liberally. Cartter said Cal Poly has followed the title strictly for the past several years because it's easier to follow the rules with conservative interpretations. But in this case, she continued, it doesn't make sense.

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new plan.

George Lewis, College of Science and Mathematics senator, commented that the plan includes a built-in assumption that those of a lower income and lower parental education aren't sufficiently represented at Cal Poly.

Cal Poly's application form already includes questions about household income and parent education level.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Paul Zingg, when introducing the plan, said: "This is not a backdoor to Prop. 209."

Repeating the mantra of those who pushed for the proposition's passage in November 1996, Roxy Peck, chair of the Dean's Advisory Admissions Committee, said that the plan is

color and gender blind.

Peck further pointed out that the plan was conceived in an effort to "effect a greater correlation between the applicants and those who are accepted."

Past academic performance will still receive the most weight in the consideration of applicants.

Lewis wanted to make sure that what potential students put on the application could still be verified with a W-2 tax form and other official documents.

But his concerns were put to rest when Director of Admissions Jim Maraviglia said that information given on the applications is taken on faith. Admissions staff verifies applicants' information regarding income, parent education, SAT score and grade point average after they've been tentatively selected.

If potential students have

"This is not a backdoor to Prop. 209"

--Paul Zingg

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs on the plan

reported incorrectly or falsified any information, Maraviglia said they are no longer considered for admission.

The approved diversity plan will remain in effect throughout the student selection for fall 1998 quarter. In the meantime, according to Zingg, the Dean's Advisory Admissions Committee will have time to devise a more permanent plan.

The CSU system requires that changes to the fall 1998 admissions process be made by Jan. 24.



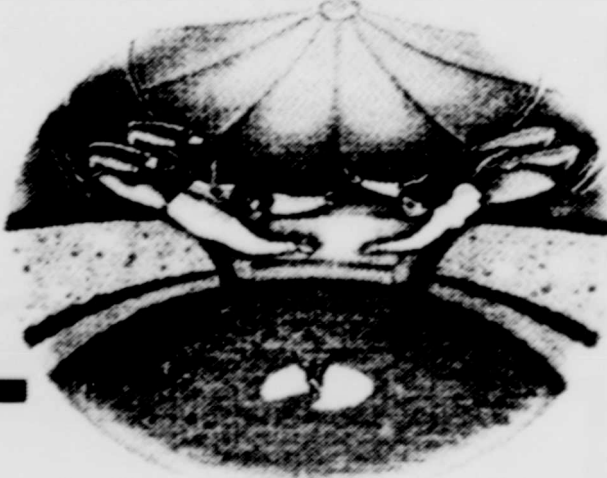
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The scoop on poop

By Colleen Walsh



The other day, I was walking from the parking lot to class when I heard two girls talking in front of me say; "Oh my God. I got out of the car and it reeked like manure. I wish I had gone to some school back East where they have nice brick buildings and not cows."

This isn't the first time I've heard a remark similar to this. Each time I hear things like this, it makes me realize just how naive society is.

I always want to ask people like this some questions. Do you eat? Of course you do, you have to, probably two or three times each day just to survive.

Try to think of some type of food which doesn't involve agriculture in some way. Take your favorite Woodstock's pizza for example. Farmers are responsible for growing and harvesting the wheat needed to make the crust, while other farmers raising crops throughout California produce the various toppings. In order to produce high yields of the crop, farmers sometimes need to spread "that manure" on their fields. At most pizza parlors, cheese automatically comes on pizza. Without dairy cows, there wouldn't be any milk needed to make cheese.

Cal Poly has one of the best dairy units in the country. The dairy unit has over 300 head, which in fact, produce that "manure." Even the soy beans for tofu at health food markets have to be farmed by someone. A bumper sticker I once saw said it best—"Don't bag on agriculture with your mouth full!"

Do you wear clothes? Everyone at Cal Poly does. Farmers and ranchers are trying to produce products that are up to par for the consumer. Without cotton plants, you wouldn't be able to wear your favorite pair of jeans. Manure is also spread on cotton plants in order to produce higher yield, which will result in keeping the prices down for the consumer. Without sheep, which also produce manure, you wouldn't be able to wear warm wool sweaters that would be needed at "some school back East."

Cal Poly began as an agricultural college, and is currently one of best agricultural schools in the nation. Sorry to startle you, but agriculture involves livestock and manure. Cal Poly also prides itself on its "learn by doing" philosophy, unlike many schools back East. So, the next time Cal Poly "reeks like manure," realize that it is just so Cal Poly students can learn how to please you best.

Colleen Walsh is an agriculture science junior who loves manure. Look for her column every other Thursday.

Glory be to the whiny white woman! She rules, from England to America, from sorority to shining sorority. Who is she? She is a princess who wears \$3,000 dresses each day, but wrings her hands at her unhappiness. She is showered with a castle, with ski trips to Switzerland, with public admiration, but she is not happy. She is bulimic, she cries

matic actress. Don't expect their figures to come from almanacs. They need to inflate the rape figures with morning-after regrets, with saying yes while drunk, with saying yes then saying

answers are not valued, etc. "We need a

Rise of the whiny white woman

By Mark Roland

in public, she begs for sympathy from the public for her dire situation. She takes \$22 million for a divorce settlement, but she is not happy. This is the consummate whiny white woman, and the world adulates her! Can we touch the hem of her \$3,000 garment?

As much as they can, Poly dollies are grooming to be whiny white women. They have the tacit element of racism in their whines. Black men are by far the most oppressed, the most discriminated against, the most degraded, but attention to black men takes attention away from whiny white woman.

Focus on remediating the real suffering of black men does not allow Scarlett O'Haras to bring attention to their vagina, the sine qua non of the women's movement.

At Cal Poly like other campuses, date rape seminars are given because this helps make whiny the white woman. Although there is one rape per 1,250 women per year (*Universal Almanac*, 1996, p. 281), whiny white woman needs to see herself as sufferer, especially sexual sufferer, so the figures get hysterically inflated to one in three women raped in a lifetime. "Take Back the Night" marches sponsored by the Women's Center and other victimology enthusiasts are based on phony figures. Can you march and shout dramatically "One in 1,250" or "One in three?" Above all, whiny white woman is a dra-

yes, etc. That a quarter of women who did not report rape considered it a "private matter" (p. 283) shows either irresponsibility or insouciance of

mas-sive change in culture," said Axelroth. Conveniently left out of the equation is that girls receive higher grades at all ages even though their performance on standardized tests is inferior, that girls receive less manhandling or physical pun-

ishment than boys, that girls are only one-fourth as frequently in "special" education programs, but this would give whiny white woman less room to whine.

Not in this culture! Go jogging only after reading the campus sign, Women should jog in pairs. After all, they are such victims! Although men are far more often victims of crime, they do not matter next to whiny white woman. Her slogan must be, "I am victim, hear me whine!"

School newspapers, including the *Mustang Daily*, long ago joined the whiny white woman crusade by publishing (how could it have known better?) the national figure of anorexia striking 15 percent to 20 percent of college women. The figure has long since been retracted as 1,000 times greater than the actual amount! (*Who Stole Feminism?* Christine Sommers) anorexia is still the old faithful of the whine circuit.

I asked Ellie Axelroth, Cal Poly psychologist, after her speech blaming "culture" for women's low self-esteem, "At what point do women take responsibility for their own lives?" She answered, "I don't like to blame women any more than they already are...but when they become adults." The current age is 18 for adulthood.

Whiny white women on campus, you're overdue! Even though you will miss the whining, turn to this chapter called "Responsibility for My Own Life."

Mark Roland is a teacher.



women about rape.

If the vagina is not on center stage, there is still a grab-bag for whininess. Poly dollies went to a lecture by Ellie Alexroth on campus to hear how women are treated unfairly in education. They are not called on by teachers. Their

Firestone is a man with integrity

Editor,

Our children and their education are our future. Brooks Firestone proposed and worked to pass "Scholarshare," a 401k type plan for parents so that they may save for their children's college education. His tax adjustment for a Central Coast aircraft manufacturer brought hundreds of jobs to our area when California was the only state taxing this industry.

On first taking his seat in the Assembly, Brooks Firestone insisted the Assembly conduct a first ever audit uncovering \$13 million in misspent tax dollars.

I am voting for Brooks Firestone. His experience in the Assembly has shown he supports lower taxes for us all. He is a man of integrity who stands up for what he believes in. He has shown his ability to work with all elected officials in order to get the job done.

Our children and our future here on the Central Coast deserve the very best. I urge all voters to join me in electing the man who will do the best job representing all Central Coast residents — Brooks Firestone.

Linda Kastner is a Santa Barbara County resident.

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stance on abortion.

Education is something Firestone said he has been working on as a member of the State Assembly. His main contribution to higher education was his work on the "Scholarshare" bill, a tax-exempt savings program that allows special college savings accounts to be set up for young children. These accounts earn more interest and are taxed at a lower rate than they would be if set up under an adult's name.

"His Scholarshare plan sounded like a good idea," said Kristin Lowland, a political science senior who talked with Firestone. "I think he's down to earth. He's definitely the middle-of-the-road candidate."

Lowland's impressions of Firestone were echoed by biology sophomore Carin Dickmeyer.

"I thought he was a Democrat when I first started talking to

him," Dickmeyer said. "He has a neutral stance on many issues. I think that really suits our generation, and this campus, because we're not really conservative or really liberal."

If elected to Congress, Firestone said he would have to resign from his position as State Assemblyman. The winner of the upcoming election will complete the term begun by Capps, so will only be in office for one year. When asked if that would be enough time in office, Firestone said "definitely not." He said after his term ended, he would seek re-election to continue his work in Congress.

The special primary election will take place Tuesday, Jan. 13. If one candidate doesn't win more than 50 percent of the votes, there will be a runoff election March 10.

Democratic candidate Lois Capps will be on campus today to meet students from 10 to 11 a.m., in the U.U. area.

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front of me, and about 45 degrees to the left and right, but I had no idea what was going on behind me," Zydell said.

Club Adviser Bob Schrempf said there was one other female construction chair at Cal Poly in the early '80s. She didn't get to drive the float, however. Zydell is the first female float driver from Cal Poly he is aware of.

This year San Luis Obispo designed the front half of the float, which contained the drive system, and Pomona designed the rear half.

Human development senior

Krisie Babcock, decoration chair for the club, said the biggest challenge came when members had to transport their half of the float to Pomona and hit a big storm the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

"We wrapped plastic around the computer parts and tried to keep the vital parts dry," Babcock said.

There was good weather the week before the parade, which allowed the club to easily place the roses and other flowers on the float from Dec. 26-31. The Tournament Of Roses did not get rained on, which allowed the float a truly joyful ride.

Chicago physicist says he will try to clone human

By James Webb
Associated Press

CHICAGO - A scientist's claim that he will start cloning humans within two years set off a nationwide clamor Wednesday from doctors who say it can't be done, ethicists who say it shouldn't be done and politicians who say they won't let it be done.

At the center of the uproar is Richard Seed, a physicist and self-described eccentric with a Ph.D. from Harvard who is unaffiliated with any institution and appears to be virtually unknown in the field of genetic science.

He says he has the expertise as well as couples willing to take part, if he can set up an independent laboratory and raise the \$2 million he estimates is needed.

Seed scoffed at the widespread opposition to the concept of human cloning - a possibility that suddenly seemed closer to reality last year after Scottish scientists announced they had cloned the adult sheep Dolly, the first cloned mammal.

"New things of any kind, mechanical, biological, intellectual, always tend to create fear," Seed said. "Then the subject becomes tolerated and ignored. And the third stage, which always happens, is the subject becomes enthusiastically endorsed, and I think the same thing will happen in human cloning."

Researchers said cloning humans might one day be possible but would be inefficient, pointing

out that the Scottish team went through 277 sheep before cloning Dolly.

"The idea of setting up a human cloning clinic is kind of a crackpot notion, even forgetting the ethical issues, because the effectiveness rate would be so low," said Dr. Sherman Silber, director of the Infertility Center of St. Louis.

Dr. Lawrence Layman, chief of reproductive endocrinology and infertility at the University of Chicago Hospitals, said, "It's not like he can just throw together a lab and just do it."

Seed, who describes himself as "eccentric or brilliant or near-genius," said he hopes to begin his work within the next few months and set a goal of producing a pregnancy in a woman within 1 1/2 years.

He suggested that the techniques would be similar to those used to create the cloned sheep. DNA would be removed from a woman's egg and replaced with the DNA from the person to be cloned. The fertilized egg would grow into an embryo that would be placed into the woman, who would give birth to the cloned child.

President Clinton has barred the use of federal funds on human cloning, and a bill that would make his order permanent is among several anti-cloning measures in Congress.

A national panel recommended

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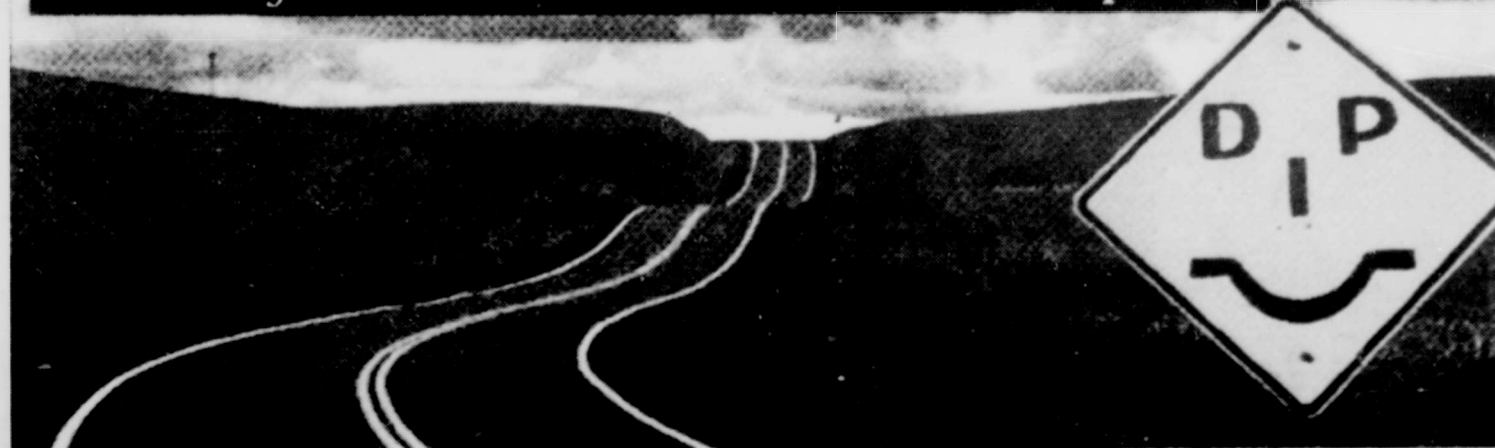
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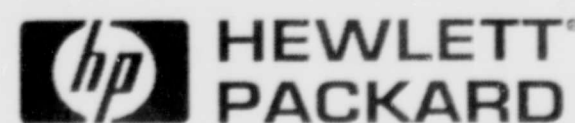
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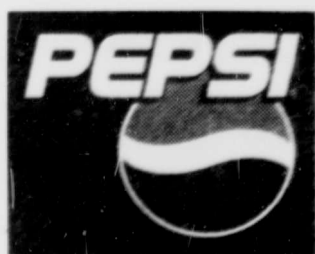
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last year after Dolly's cloning that Congress make human cloning illegal, saying the technique posed unacceptable risks of mutations and raised troubling ethical questions.

"The scientific community ought to make it clear to Dr. Seed - and I think the president will make it clear to Dr. Seed - that he has elected to become irresponsible, unethical and unprofessional should he pursue the course that he outlined today," said White House spokesman Mike McCurry.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey said Congress should pass a human cloning ban quickly, and Sen. Christopher Bond, R-Mo., who introduced such legislation last year, said he will push for emergency action when Congress reconvenes at the end of the month.

Seed and his brother developed a technique for transferring fertilized embryos from one woman to another in the early 1980s but failed in their attempt to make the procedure a commercial success. He said human cloning will help infertile couples

with nowhere else to go and will spur genetic advances that could lead to the cure for diseases such as cancer.

Seed said he has debated his views with his Methodist pastor.

"God made man in his own image. Therefore, he intended that man should become one with God. Man should have an indefinite life and have indefinite knowledge. And we're going to do it, and this is one step," Seed said.

He declined to identify the couples he said were willing to undergo the procedure, but said a tabloid offered \$200,000 for their story.

Seed's plans are unethical on several levels, said Ann Dudley Goldblatt, assistant director of the MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics at the University of Chicago.

Most importantly, because "it is a copy of another human being, a Xerox," Mrs. Goldblatt said. But it is also an idea prone to repeated failures, and Seed is "pulling at the heartstrings of people who desperately want to have a child."

"So I think it's too bad you're all paying so much attention," she said.

TAXES from page 3

sons, but one statistic stands out for taxpayers: the 18 percent error rate on paper tax filings falls to less than 1 percent on electronic returns.

"So you're less likely to get that dreaded letter from the IRS" seeking an audit, said Goldenberg.

Another benefit of electronic filing: if you owe money, you can file early and pay later. If you get a refund, the IRS says you will receive it within 21 days, half the time from paper filing refund - 40 days. If you have your refund deposited directly into your bank account, the refund for electronic filers can be as fast as two weeks, said IRS spokeswoman Jodi Patterson.

The electronic filing process isn't completely void of paperwork, however. After sending their tax returns through cyberspace, taxpayers have to sign and mail to their local IRS service center a Form 8453, which authenticates the electronic transmission, along with W-2 Forms and other supporting documents.

For its part, the IRS intends next year to launch "a pretty aggressive public information campaign" touting the electronic

filing options, said Holden. The IRS wants to push filing options such as TeleFile, which allows filing of non-complex tax returns by telephone. TeleFile won a Ford Foundation award earlier this year for excellence in government.

To that end, the 1998 IRS budget called for a study on incentive payments to firms that handle electronic payments for the software companies.

Turbo Tax and Kiplinger's Tax Cut are the dominant tax preparation software programs, but not the only ones. Last year, another 10 lesser-known companies also offered IRS-approved software.

And if you don't do taxes yourself, you take the return to an accountant or tax professional authorized as an "electronic return originator" to transmit to the IRS. The IRS says it will acknowledge receipt of your return within 48 hours.

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MUSTANG DAILY'S GUIDE TO ENTERTAINMENT AND THE ARTS

Melodies, memories, memorabilia, merchandise metamorphose at Beatlefest

By Jasper

Special to Arts Weekly

My knees ache. The short security guard is dancing around yelling obscenities into his walkie-talkie. I sit in a red arm chair, sarcastic, pooped and flat broke. In the nearby ballroom, a Beatles tribute band plays, "A Day in the Life" sounding more like Richard Marx than John Lennon. OK, Jasper here, tired, hungry and LIVE AT BEATLEFEST, Saturday, November 29.

The tribute band has changed to a different tune. Oh no... it's the Paul McCartney clone (a scary overweight man with super thin eyebrows) and he's bellowing "Magical Mystery Tour."

While driving down, I pondered what exactly takes place at a Beatlefest? Since we're a step below Trekkies, I theorized that Beatlefreaks would, more than likely, be (surprise, surprise) fat and weird. Finally, we made our way to the Marriott, honeymooning down by the dreary parking lot across the street. I raced Rochelle, poor girl wearing shoes with a three-inch lift. She looked like she was walking tip-toe. We waltzed on down an escalator, standing behind some guy sporting a mullet (which I might add, was the hip new haircut at this convention).

While tripping on down the rolling stairs, I envisioned a magical land of Beatledom where, upon arrival, Blue Meanies would hand out gel tabs, and gaggles of Beatle look-a-likes would roam, plucking songs out of the air. I'd be consumed into a pow-wow with George Harrison, learning his secret mantra...oh man, I'd become ruler of Pepperland, I'd be crowned "King Jasper," and then Yoko would give me this groovy set of... "Gimme your Ticket!!!" Tammy, the polyester ticket lady, holds out her hand. She was a far cry from Ringo.

Rudely awakened out of a day-dream and set back into reality, I step foot out of the ticket line and into the middle of a heated Beatles Auction. This was it! I'd get my Lennon autograph for sure. Ro (my Beatle friend) left me to experience her own antics, and I sat down to bid.

The auctioneer was none other than Mark Lapidos, the founding father of Beatlefest. He was auctioning off "a real Beatles Blanket... from England!" Before long someone snatched this quilt for \$150.

The next item up for bid was...oh my God!...a poster containing all four real Beatle autographs! I started the bid, deciding to forfeit my whole savings on this masterpiece. Eventually, I was out-bid by \$50, and was heartbro-



By Matt Berger
Special to Arts Weekly

I never did like the holidays too much, and they're already just a year away.

New Year's Eve lived up to its inflated expectations once again in San Francisco, if you're interested in spending \$50 for a show featuring 10 of the top spinners in the city.

If you haven't spent much time in the city lately, or any city for that matter (I'm out of the loop), you may not have caught a glimpse of the new trend sweeping the alternative party scene. It's all about loud, gut-shaking digital rhythms played under the shriek of electro-acoustic beeps and buzzes.

Little alternative teenagers are asking for Casio keyboards and record players for Christmas so they can be the next Doctor Rhythm.

Because spinning equipment was in such high demand this Christmas, the Surgeon General added a warning to most Casio boxes and techno CD cases:

"WARNING: Listening to this music can cause birth defects and may result in your insides imploding."

The vacation did give me a chance to catch up on my fix of daytime TV. I forgot how lucky I am that I have something to do between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. other than snacking on Ho Ho's and hopelessly attempting self beautification (there's not



much you can do with a bathrobe and a hair net).

Three programs that I highly recommend are Judge Judy, Jerry Springer and Days of Our Lives. If our generation is remembered by its daytime TV, these folks are going to be the landmarks in the trade. They represent every aspect of American life that affects us, from our moral and legal disputes to our daily struggles to the lives that we strive to achieve.

Judge Judy is television's answer to justice in America. You've got a mean old lady, kind of like your third grade teacher Mrs. Abernathy who knew how to scare the crap out of us little kids. Her honor—a hardened

law enforcer who bases her decisions on what Nancy Reagan would agree with—hovers over the petty disputes of the struggling class of America with practical justice just short of a spanking.

"My blind date ruined my \$200 dress during dinner when he 'intentionally' spilled his wine all over me. I want some compensation," cries the disgruntled red head.

Judge Judy scours over the defendant with a heating glare and says: "Do I have STUPID written on my forehead!! Do I?? You meant to spill that wine. I know, I'm Judy."

"You weren't having fun on your date, and you knew she wasn't going home with you, so you spilled your wine all over her to show her who's boss...DIDN'T YOU??"

"And you, Miss Flussy. Didn't your mother ever teach you to act like a lady! You shouldn't even be wearing a dress that provocative on a first date. Get out of my courtroom!"

That's justice for a TV-viewing audience all right. As long as we hear a few belittling comments we're happy. Pass the microwave popcorn and People Magazine.

The holidays do remind me of one special thing. No matter how screwed up my own life is, it will never compare to the unadulterated trash that stars daily on the Jerry Springer show.

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warming than Ally McBeal. And, at times, more real to life than my own.

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I am very disappointed at the following Days Of Our Lives carries. I don't know how many VCRs in the world are set to record the program daily, but it is a ridiculously high number that I will never add to.

Susan's buck teeth are unbelievably fake. I know because I saw her diploma from DeVry school of thespian technology hanging on her dressing room wall right next to a centerfold of Regis and John Tesh.

Kristen, Susan and her twin brother and sister better be getting the salary of four characters, we all know she deserves it.

My New Year's resolutions: Order Jerry Springer's video "Too Hot for TV," get Susan's baby back and kill my television.

Pinsky, nation's poet, graces Cal Poly Theatre

By Steve Fairchild
Arts Weekly Writer

The most powerful poet in the nation is coming to Cal Poly to discuss the state of poetry, share his work and answer questions. Robert Pinsky, the country's ninth poet laureate, will appear at the Cal Poly theater tonight at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Cal Poly Arts and Humanities Lecture Series.

Pinsky, 56, has published five poetry books including "The Figured Wheel," which hit stores last year. He is also known for his 1994 translation of Dante's "Inferno." He is poetry editor at on-line publication Slate magazine and teaches in the graduate writing program at Boston University.

Pinsky was appointed by Librarian of Congress James Billington to the one-year term which began last fall. As poet laureate, Pinsky receives a \$35,000 salary and an office in the Library of Congress. He may also see increased sales of his books and stacks of mail from poets nationwide.

Pinsky strongly believes in the Internet's viability as a tool to share poetry. For example, net surfers can click on many poems featured in the Slate online-magazine and hear the poem read by the original author. In a recent New York Times article he said, "Computers and poetry share two key attributes: speed and memory."

They share, he continued, "A great human myth or trope, an

image that could be called the Secret Passage: the discovery of large, manifold channels through a small ordinary-looking or all but invisible aperture."

Critics have given Pinsky's work much praise. Last year, Nation magazine reported that Pinsky is a poetic success.

"Among the many writers who have come of age, none have succeeded more completely as poet, critic and translator than Robert Pinsky," the Nation wrote. Mary Kay Harrington, chair of the Cal Poly Lyceum, expects a large turnout for Pinsky's lecture. She urges anyone interested to arrive early to claim a seat.

James Bond dazzles audiences and rakes in the dough

Associated Press

"Titanic" isn't the only movie making waves. The new James Bond movie "Tomorrow Never Dies" is on pace to become the highest-grossing entry in the 007 franchise.

Released the same day as "Titanic," "Tomorrow Never Dies" has never been first at d'e box office and probably never will be. Nevertheless, it is running 30 percent ahead of 1995's "GoldenEye," the biggest Bond movie yet, and should pass the \$100 million mark at U.S. theaters this week-

end.

MGM says the movie is attracting a younger audience than most Bond films, many of whom are drawn by Pierce Brosnan's co-star, martial arts performer Michelle Yeoh.

"The same audience that went to 'Scream' is the audience that's coming to 'Tomorrow Never Dies,'" Gerry Rich, MGM's marketing president, said Tuesday. The movie has also benefited from a \$100 million promotional campaign conducted by BMW and other partners.

In its first 17 days of worldwide release, "Tomorrow Never Dies" has grossed \$207 million. "GoldenEye," which also starred Brosnan, collected \$350 million

worldwide. MGM says it will release its 19th Bond movie on Nov. 19, 1999.

"How could we pass that day up?" said Larry Gleason, MGM's distribution president.

This Week's Top Movies

1. Titanic
2. Tomorrow Never Dies
3. As Good As It Gets
4. MouseHunt
5. Scream 2

Titanic swimming in money

By John Horn
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — There weren't enough lifeboat seats for the ship and there aren't enough theater seats for the movie.

"Titanic" is off to one of the strongest starts in recent box office history, but the film's success isn't likely to revolutionize the way Hollywood works. Like any business, it makes little sense to risk \$200 million for a relatively skimpy profit, studio executives say.

From long lines at the local multiplex to spirited discussions at holiday parties, the epic disaster movie has become a pop culture phenomenon, a genuine entertainment event. In a society frustrated by grocery lines longer than five minutes, millions of moviegoers are making five-hour commitments to go see the film.

And as the new year settles in, "Titanic's" popularity is actually growing, not fading. The three-hour, 14-minute movie enjoyed its single best day in theaters on Saturday — its third weekend of national release — when it took in \$12.7 million.

Show business analysts now project the movie, the most expensive ever made, could gross close to \$300 million in domestic theaters, putting it in the elite company of "Forrest Gump" and "Jurassic Park."

At that rate, the movie could generate worldwide (including theatrical, home video and televi-

sion) revenues of close to \$600 million. Since studios collect about half a film's receipts, that would bring "Titanic" producers Paramount Pictures and 20th Century Fox a combined \$300 million. Factoring in marketing costs, Paramount would make a small profit and Fox, which paid for the majority of "Titanic's" budget, could break even.

Fox already has said it won't make another movie at this price, and Hollywood's budget trend is actually toward less expensive projects. "There are budgets being turned in at \$110 million to \$125 million and the studios are saying we won't make the movies for more than \$90 million," said industry analyst Dave Davis.

Some people are coming to "Titanic" for its history. Others are more interested in its love story. Indeed, some are reacting to the movie with almost religious fervor.

"It was extremely touching and it really gets you to think about your life," said Jill Katz, a 24-year-old sales representative who saw "Titanic" with her boyfriend Matt Perlman in New York City over the holidays.

"The film made me reflect on my relationship ... I realized how life is just really precious and you should just live every moment to the fullest. It helped Matt and I a lot," said Katz.

Most of those who survive the moviegoing marathon are recommending it to friends and family.

A naked woman walks into a bar. She's got a two foot salami under one arm, and a poodle under the other. She lays the salami on the bar, and the bartender says, "So, I guess you won't be needing a drink."

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ken when my dream piece vanished.

I was redeemed though, I finally outbid another mullet-sportin' ex-hippie from Stockton for a Paul-signed 7 inch. This was a Beatle-Paul autograph, and not some signature of his when he went solo. I knew I'd get it the second Lapidus raised the record. I nudged a returning Ro: "If I don't get that, I'm gonna beat the hell out some weird, fat Beatle-freak!"

After the purchase, I walked around and found different rooms with an assortment of Beatles. One room was an art gallery (made up of old magazine clippings and pictures), another held Jon Wiener talking about John Lennon and the FBI (Jimm Cushing knows this man), and in one room there was even some god-awful Beatles puppet show...horrible!

I was amused at the video room, though it contained most of the fatter and weirder of the patrons. Quickly dubbing the hallway "Freak Alley," I ran away with my ears bleeding from an old lady (wearing a Ringo dress) screaming out "She Loves You" in the Karaoke room.

I was rescued when I ran by the one place that kept me dazed for hours-The Memorabilia Sale. I must have circled that room 81 times in the course of the next six hours. While Ro rocked out to LIVERPOOL (the tribute band), I haggled with merchants over the prices of various items of Beatles that now reside in my house.

Now it's time for "Jasper's High Horse," in which I spew out all of my woes and frustrations from this Beatlefest. It seems that the purpose of this convention is to celebrate the lives of John, Paul, George and Ringo. But as I quickly came to discover, this convention wasn't about the Beatles, but about Benjamin Franklin and the other various members of our founding family!

While walking around in silence (No, Jasper doesn't walk around flexing his Beatle Penis wherever he goes), I would listen to the merchants' complaints. It was amazing, these conversations were absolutely identical from table to table. The merchants talked of getting ripped off, and how much they could get for this or that. Not only were they greedy, but quite colorful in their language and thinking.

After having bartered for a rare McCartney LP, I thanked the merchant for the reduced price and she happily replied, "We're not kikes here!" Gee! That's fun to know! Some other guy was selling a rare LP that he wouldn't sell to the Japanese, but he sold it to me because I was a punter. What the fuck is a punter?

I found some cool merchants though, all with bad b.o., gross nappy hair, and these awful black Beatles T-shirts. I was curious as to why there weren't any Beatles bootleg CD's about. I asked a merchant, and he covertly scribbled a room number onto a piece of paper, and whispered, "Go to this room, and you'll meet a man who has what you want!"

Up in an elevator, Ro and I ascended into a standard hotel room with Paul singing "BlackBird" and trying his damndest to think up the lyrics ("take these golden wings and shave your legs...no...uh...learn to... fly... Yeah!"). This merchant had a great assortment of expensive bootlegs. Ten minutes later, I left with a disc of John's lost

Dakota tapes, and Ro with a gear copy of the "Let It Be" movie.

Back to the circus downstairs, where Denny Laine and Laurence Juber were telling stories about their days with Paul in the '70s super-group Wings. Now in my professional Beatle-wisdom, Denny Laine seems to be a fat, useless drunk, still pissed over the non-recognition of his three pooppy songs. His voice is raspy, making him look like a Happytown, USA version of Rod Stewart. His life is spent wading in his own piss and vinegar.

Laurence Juber, on the other hand, has got his shit together-making albums, writing music for television, concerts, raising a family. Denny made snide comment about Juber and a vego-matic.

Shaking off the brandy breath of his old bandmate, Laurence stood to perform an impromptu performance of "In My Life," which was great until Denny butted in. He started playing really bad guitar leads, and sang completely wrong lyrics to the song. Laurence kept his cool, and finished the piece with Denny choking on the guitar part. Even as I write this, Denny is singing his heart out in the nearby ballroom. His voice cracks, he can't even make the high notes.

Maybe it's me, but I had a feeling that I'd get all worked up at Beatlefest. I wouldn't be Jasper if I didn't. In my blue KCPR shirt and British flag socks, I'm here to promote the youth of Beatle Fans, but looking around at the all merchants closing shop and licking their chops to their fat wallets, I believe No One Really Gives A Shit!

I was lucky enough to catch Juber later on in a nearby reception room. He gave a recital, Denny-free, and was absolutely marvelous! (Juber recently played for "SLO unplugged" at the Performing Arts Center).

Oh no, Denny's now singing "Band On the Run." Oh God, no! That's almost as if Ringo were crooning "Yesterday." Please, would someone make a law prohibiting fat, drunken, ex-ex-Beatle collaborators from singing in public! I mean, c'mon people, how come Pauly isn't hanging with this cat no more?

I did come out on top though. The Rutles appeared, and I had the distinct pleasure of sitting by Neil Innes as he sang, "Cheese and Onions." Plus, I picked up an original copy of John Lennon's first book (and translated into French at that!) and an "I Love Paul" button. Rochelle picked up some good loot too: she came out with a Yellow Submarine belt buckle, and a bootleg Beatles Christmas album.

Well, Denny has finished his set (thank God!), it's about midnight, and I best be going. That was Beatlefest, and I'm dead broke. Although I may be disappointed, I still have the greatest faith in Beatlefans, as strange and portly as we may be.

As Karma would have it, after making those awful remarks about Denny Laine, Jasper was killed driving later that night, when his Aston Martin spun out of control, and crashed into a canyon wall. Luckily, Rochelle was thrown safely into a bail of hay, and survived without a scratch. Funeral services have been postponed until after the last Denver Broncos game of '98. Denny Laine fans be relieved!

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Kids find a kindred voice in 'Anne Frank,' 'Zlata's Diary'

By Deborah Hastings
Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. - Erin Gruwell was a 23-year-old student teacher, in over her head, when the drawing that started everything snaked its way through English class.

It was a crude rendering of the new kid, a black gang member with a bad attitude. The drawing hugely exaggerated his lips.

The boy saw it and began to tremble, close to tears.

Gruwell lost her temper. She said the drawing reminded her of Nazi propaganda.

The students stared blankly.

How many of you have heard of the Holocaust? she asked. Not a hand went up.

How many of you have been shot at?

Every hand went up.

Now she had their attention, and the genesis of the Freedom Writers, an English program in which students at Woodrow Wilson High School would tell their own stories, inspired by the sufferings of others, continents and generations away.

They traveled 30 miles north, to the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles. They read "The Diary of Anne Frank" and "Zlata's Diary: A Child's Life in Sarajevo."

"We were drawing so many parallels between Zlata and Anne Frank and our own lives," Sonia Pineda, a 16-year-old senior, said.

With Zlata, it was the shared experience of dodging bullets and fearing your own neighborhood.

With Anne Frank, who hid from the Nazis in an Amsterdam attic, Pineda said, "it was about her feelings. She wasn't feeling down or morose, but she felt alone. And that's the way a lot of us feel."

Maria Reyes, 17, identified with Anne's desire to escape.

"She wrote that she felt like a bird in a cage and that sometimes she just wanted to fly away," Reyes said. "Sometimes it seems

like there's just so many problems, there's no way anything can work out."

Gruwell asked her students to write about their own problems.

"So we decided that we were going to tell all the other teenagers that they were not alone," Pineda said.

Gruwell also told them to write anonymously, because Woodrow Wilson High is not for the faint of heart. It is a tough school in a neighborhood of gangs, drugs, abuse and poverty. And as a state-licensed teacher, Gruwell must report crimes involving students.

Her students took their name from the Freedom Riders of the civil rights movement. They number 150, all of them seniors, completing the last year of Gruwell's four-year program. Among them are homeless kids, honor students, former gang members and survivors of violence and sexual abuse.

Their friends now include Miep Gies, who helped hide the Frank family, and "Schindler's List" director Steven Spielberg.

And they do much more than write.

They run the nonprofit Tolerance Education Foundation. They speak at other schools. All have promised Gruwell they will attend college and are completing applications for admission. They plan to visit Auschwitz this summer.

Their writing, compiled in a book titled "An American Diary: Voices from an Undeclared War," is being considered by two publishing houses.

They have received so much attention it sometimes frightens them. A film studio has expressed interest. Connie Chung is interviewing them for ABC's "PrimeTime Live."

Gruwell - "Miz G" to her students - is now 28. She is white and was raised in a gated community in Los Angeles County. Her students are mostly Hispanic and black. She is fiercely protective of them.

"These are my kids," she says.

And these are their stories:

"My own son took my life," my grandmother said to me while in a

hospital bed. She had blisters all over her body. All her hair was burnt off. Her skin was black and it was falling off her.

"I could smell the rawness of her burnt flesh. I could hardly hear what she was saying, so I had to put my ear down to her mouth. And some white stuff came onto my ear.

"I didn't understand what she was trying to say. But then the words, 'My own son took my life - your daddy.' I couldn't believe it. I felt like I got hit by a truck."

The Freedom Writer had come home to fire trucks. Her father had poured kerosene over her grandmother's head and struck a match. The woman later died.

Another student tells of a father she has never met:

"My dad is only the first man in a long line of men who have deserted me.

"For years, I had to go to therapy because my mom thought I was crazy and she would have to give me up. She said I was out of control. I used to sleepwalk and once I even went into the street and was hit by a car. I almost

died.

"Then after my mom fixed the door so I couldn't get out, I would go into the kitchen and get knives. I would slash my arms, legs. ... Not too long after that, I got voices in my head. My therapist finally figured out what was wrong with me. It was the depression I was going through from not knowing my father."

Another writes of her grandfather using her for sex when she was 9.

"I wondered if at any time, anyone was going to walk through the door. I wanted someone to. Today, he was trying new things on me. Probably things he had already done to my sister. Lately he has been doing it more to her. I guess he doesn't love me as much as her."

Gruwell never expected the stories to be pretty.

So when she read them to her adult students at National University in Orange County, she was surprised by the reaction.

"Oh my God," Gruwell said, "people in my college classes were sobbing."

Simpson's remark about ex-wife's murder

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — O.J. Simpson, who has repeatedly denied killing his ex-wife, told Esquire magazine: "Even if I did do this, it would have to have been because I loved her very much, right?"

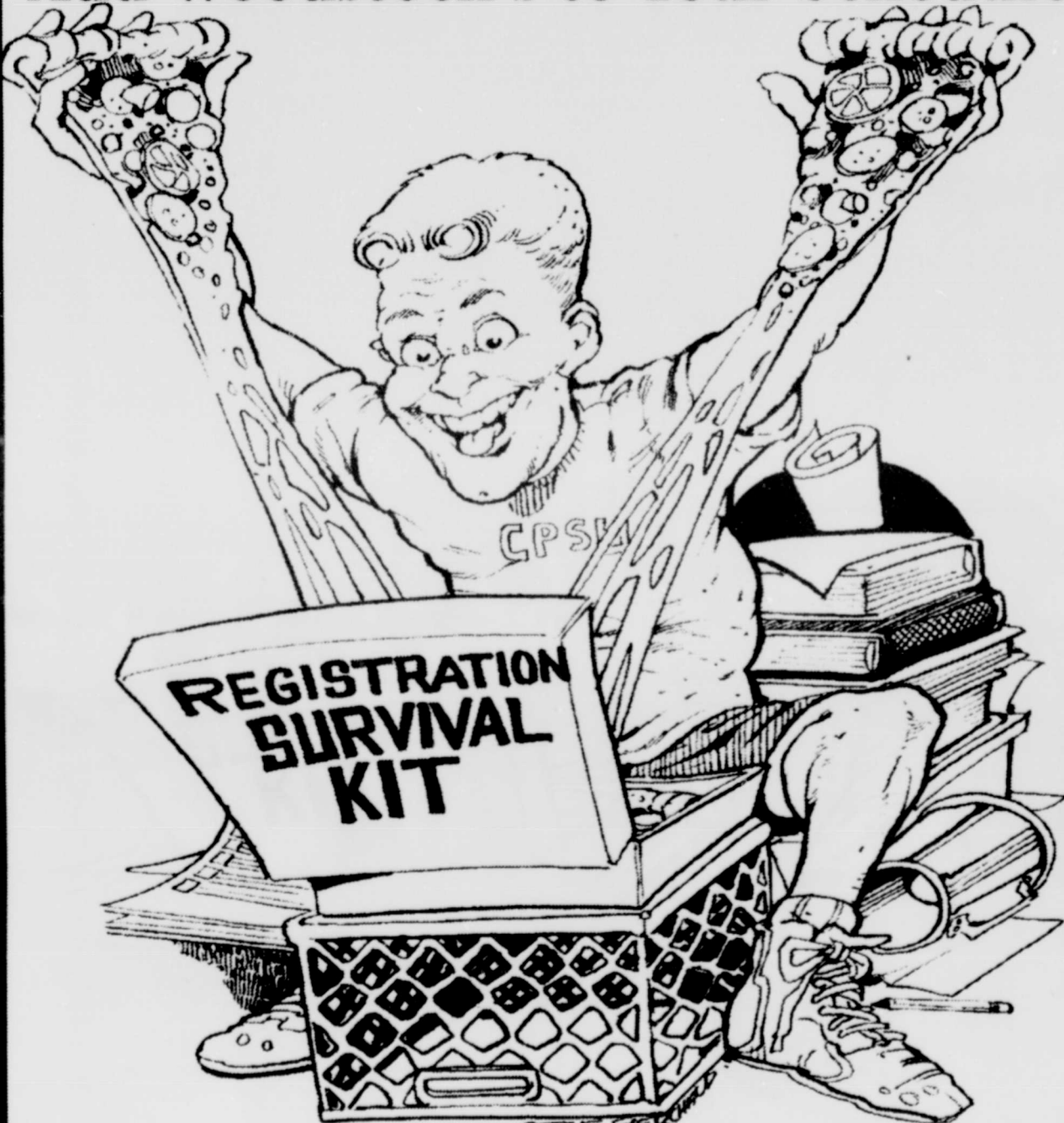
The enigmatic question is reported by Celia Farber in a 10-page cover story in the February issue of the magazine, but there is no elaboration.

"I think about the remark all the time now, but I'm not sure what it means," Farber wrote. "O.J. would angrily deny that it means what you may think it means. He has never come close to confessing that he murdered his ex-wife."

In the same phone conversation that produced the remark, Farber said Simpson told her: "Listen, I would love to get my hands on who ever did this. Love to."

And, talking about Nicole Brown Simpson, she quotes him as saying: "If I'm hurting right now, it's not because I've done anything wrong. It's because I miss her."

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Elway-Stewart showdown pits comeback masters

By Alan Robinson
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — He has rallied the Denver Broncos from seemingly certain losses to breathtaking victories more than 40 times — more than Marino, more than Montana, more than anybody.

John Elway is the only quarterback to drive his team 98 yards in the closing minutes to win an AFC championship game — at Cleveland in 1987, a march that instantly became known as The Drive. No NFL quarterback has ever been more dangerous with a deficit.

But Elway will be 38 in June, and every playoff game may be his last — maybe even Sunday's AFC championship game in Pittsburgh.

When he retires, and that day likely will come sooner than later, Elway must abdicate to a new king of the comeback.

To find him, he might not need look further than to the

opposing sideline Sunday, to Kordell Stewart. His unflappable composure and boundless confidence have led the Steelers within a victory of the Super Bowl in his first season as a starting quarterback.

"I never get nervous — ever," Stewart said.

It shows.

Just check out this collection of comebacks, one that even Elway has been unable to match this season:

—Down 21-0 in Baltimore on Oct. 5, the Steelers equaled the greatest comeback in team history as Stewart fashioned a game even Terry Bradshaw would have been proud of, throwing for three touchdowns and running for two in a 42-34 victory.

—The Steelers trailed by 10 points against Indianapolis on Oct. 12 and again Oct. 26 against Jacksonville, both times at home, yet Stewart led comeback victories each time.

—In arguably the NFL's game of the season, Stewart

made an astonishing fourth-down throw to Yancey Thigpen to keep a fourth-quarter drive alive in New England on Dec. 13.

Stewart then hit Mark Bruener for the touchdown and Thigpen for the 2-point conversion as the Steelers rallied from eight points down with two minutes to go to win 24-21 in overtime — a victory that ultimately clinched home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

"We don't give up because of No. 10 (Stewart)," Pro Bowl running back Jerome Bettis said. "We know he's special and that anything is possible with him. He's shown us time after time and game after game he can make things happen."

—Stewart showed the Broncos on Dec. 7, rallying the Steelers from a 21-7 deficit in the second quarter, again by throwing for three touchdowns — all to Yancey Thigpen — and running for two. It is his running, coupled with the pound-

ing the lineman-sized Bettis puts on opposing defenses, that gives an the Steelers an added and extremely difficult-to-defend dimension.

"I'm a guy who's capable of getting out of the pocket and making things happen," Stewart said.

Like Saturday, when Stewart's 40-yard tightrope walk of a touchdown down the sideline on the Steelers' opening drive proved the difference in their 7-6 playoff victory over New England.

Stewart's only deficiency, other than his tendency to sometimes force the ball into coverage, is his growing reliance on comebacks.

The Steelers repeatedly fall behind because of Stewart's first-half inconsistencies, only to surge back in the second half after he rediscovers his passing touch.

Stewart has six touchdown passes and 14 interceptions in the first half, but 18 touchdowns and only four intercep-

tions in the second half.

"It's too early to start nicknaming him, like Elway," Thigpen said. "Kordell's a second-half guy. Elway has been doing it for years. Kordell, he's a one-year guy."

Yeah, but what a year it's been.

"The one thing about Kordell is you're not going to rattle his confidence," coach Bill Cowher said. "We talk about it all the time. If you're going to do the things we are talking about him doing, he can't be afraid to take chances — and he isn't."

Sounds like a guy named Elway.

"I've seen the kid play and I've seen the look in his eye in big games," Cowher said. "We've played big games down the stretch, Denver and New England, and he's performed pretty well. He's not afraid to fail. You can't be."

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ranked Lehigh University, 18-17, last Sunday then quickly followed the victory with a strong 25-9 win over Boise State Tuesday.

The two wins this week have had a major impact on how the team feels about itself, as well as how other teams will view it.

"At the beginning of the year, we had a bunch of pieces that didn't quite make up a complete team," assistant coach Dan Lashley said. "After the break we've really come together and have created a good team."

THE LEHIGH MATCH

The win on Sunday against Lehigh was especially exciting, not only because the Mustangs were facing a top-25 team, but because the teammates worked individually to balance the team score and overcome a few upsetting matches.

"I thought we matched up to beat them," head coach Lennis Cowell said of the Lehigh team. "Overall we wrestled terribly, but we were still able to win."

Cowell said he was most impressed with 150-pounder senior Craig Welk's 3-2 win against nationally fifth-ranked Chris Ayres. Welk escaped from Ayres twice then was awarded one point for the riding time he had earned in the second period.

"I was a little scared at the end that he was going to take me down," Welk said of his match. "Winning definitely gives me and the entire team a little boost into the season."

Following 190-pounder Mike French's 4-3 win, the team had an 18-14 lead over Lehigh and needed heavyweight Gan McGee to avoid being pinned or major decisioned, a win by eight points or more, to win the match.

McGee was down 11-4 against nationally sixth-ranked Bill Closson at the end of the second period and into the third. With the crowd behind him, McGee managed to ride Closson for the final one minute and 35 seconds of the third round, which ended in an 11-5 loss for him, but an 18-17 victory for the team.

"The crowd helped me out," McGee said. "(Closson) was tired at the end, and I felt strong. I think I can take (Closson) later in the year."

THE BOISE MATCH

Going into the Tuesday Boise match, the team and coaches were confident they would win and wrestle better, which they did.

Though Boise isn't nationally ranked, it was still challenging for the Mustangs to make weight and be mentally prepared after their Sunday win. The match against Boise however, turned out to be their best overall performance of the season.

"We wrestled tough tonight," Cowell said of the 25-9 victory. "This is an exceptional group, and they showed their potential tonight. If they keep working like they are now, this could be one of the best teams in years."

For freshman Jaime Garza, it was a night he'll never forget. Garza, the 118-pounder, won his first collegiate bout 5-2.

The wrestler originally believed this would be a red-shirt year for him to test and build up his skills, but was pulled into competition when

last year's national-qualifier Mark Perryman transferred to Arizona State, opening up a spot in the 134-pound class. The two weight classes below were bumped up.

"I was nervous at first getting pulled out of my red-shirt year," Garza said. "This win has given me confidence."

Freshman Cedric Haymon, who took over the 134-pound class, won 9-5 with several impressive reversals, turns and riding time.

Following Welk's double-

overtime 2-1 win, 158-pounder David Wells put on quite a show for an 11-4 victory over the PAC-10's first-ranked Kirk White.

Wells' funky, yet characteristic performance included body-twisting and skillful take downs and reversals that had the entire crowd amazed at what they had seen.

"Once I got the takedown in the first period, things started to go my way," Wells said. "I felt good coming into this match after cutting weight (16

pounds), which was a good sign."

Senior 177-pound Brian Bowles also impressed the crowd with his quick pin at one minute and 54 seconds into the first period.




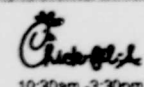







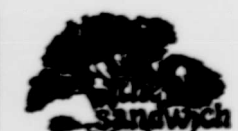




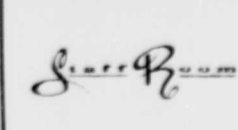
"I had much more confidence coming into this match," Bowles said. "I felt solid with the team, and everyone else's wins really pushed me through."

"I hope to keep my confidence up and stay strong. The team is solid this year, and it should be a really fun time."

Following the Virginia Duals, the Mustangs will return to U.C. Davis this Saturday for the Aggie Open. The team's next home match will be January 17 against Brigham Young.

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 VGR RESTAURANT	Located near the entrance of the University on Grand Ave	Full table service dining room with a wonderful view of the campus and San Luis Obispo. We serve lunch, dinner and Sunday Brunch featuring soups, salads, sandwiches, desserts and a variety of contemporary and ethnic dishes. Reservations recommended 756-1204	Mon - Sat 11:00am - 8:00pm Sun Brunch 10:00am - 2:00pm also open in conjunction with major Performing Arts Center events	●	●	●	●	●
 Julian's	Located on the first floor of the University Union	For the finest coffees, from whole beans, to fresh brewed, to cappuccino, and a wide assortment of baked goods including croissants, muffins, cookies and pastries. Julian's is ready to serve you. Hungry for ice cream? Julian's serves delicious shakes, sundaes and cones.	Mon - Thur 7:30am - 9:00pm Fri 7:30am - 4:30pm	●	●	●	●	●
 The AVENUE	Located across from Mott gym	"The Ave" - We've got what you want! Hungry for chicken? A custom-made sandwich? How about a burrito? A bagel or some soup? The Avenue features Chic-fil-A, with chicken entrees, Pasta Pasta Pasta for freshly prepared pasta, Cowboy Grub for burgers and the fixins, Tapango's Super, with Mexican cuisine, and City Deli, with custom-made sandwiches. Why not enjoy a frozen yogurt at Sweet Persuasions?	Mon - Fri 7:00am - 3:30pm  10:30am - 3:30pm Mon-Fri  10:30am - 3:30pm Mon-Fri  10:30am - 3:30pm Mon-Fri  7am - 3:30pm Mon-Fri	●	●	●	●	●
 CAMPUS STORE	Located by the Library, behind Ag Science building	What do you call a small convenience store that has just about everything you could need during a day on campus? You call it the Campus Store, the little store that can fulfill your needs. Check out at lunch time.	Mon - Thur 6:30am - 10:00pm Fri 6:30am - 5:30pm Sat 10:00am - 5:00pm Sun 10am - 10pm	●	●	●	●	●
 THE CELLAR	Located in the Dexter Building	Offers everything from candy bars or sandwiches to fresh brewed coffee. The Cellar has an attractive seating area that offers you 24 hour a day hospitality. Vending locations include all the Residence Halls, Engineering building, Health Center and Business building.	Open 24 HOURS	●	●	●	●	●
 LIGHT-HOUSE	Located down the stairs from the U.U. Plaza	Offers meal plan and cash customers all you can eat meals daily, including fresh pastries, eggs to order at breakfast, daily entrees, charbroiled hamburgers, home-made soup, salad bar, fresh baked breads and desserts, soft serve, and a variety of beverages.	Mon - Fri Breakfast: 6:30am-9:30am Lunch: 10:30am-1:30pm Dinner: 4:30pm-7:00pm Weekends Breakfast: 8:30am-10:30am Lunch: 11:00am-2:00pm Dinner: 4:30pm-7:00pm	●	●	●	●	●
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 VG CAFE	Located among the residence halls	A favorite of meal plan patrons offering a grand view and a wide selection of foods: Grill items, pasta, subs, specialties of chicken and beef, salad bar, desserts and beverages.	Lunch: (all week) 11:00am-1:30pm Dinner: (all week) 5:00pm-7:30pm Late Nite: (Mon-Thur) 8:00pm to 10:00pm	●	●	●	●	●
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 J. R.	Located up stairs, across from the Rec Center	Cafeteria-style lunch service, offering made-to-order sandwiches, a hot lunch special, salads, soup and desserts.	Mon - Fri: 10:30am - 2:00pm	●	●	●	●	●

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respective events. Several swimmers on the men's side are ranked in the top ten.

Eric Collins ranks first in the 50-meter freestyle while Nate Moore ranks first in the 1000-meter freestyle. Eric Wyles holds the top spot in the 100-meter breaststroke and second in the 200-meter breaststroke. Ian Pyka rounds out the top of the team just beating out Wyles for the top spot in the 100-meter breaststroke.

The women's team are also

holding their own after losing several Big West finalists to graduation last year. Marti Hall is the lone distance swimmer for the women and as a freshman is one of the top point scorers for the team. She currently places 7th in the conference in the 1000-meter freestyle.

Last weekend the Cal Poly men's and women's swim teams competed in the U.C. Irvine Individual and Distance Invitational in Irvine. The men's team placed third overall over Big West rival University of the Pacific. The women's team fin-

ished fifth among 10 teams at the invitational.

"We had a busy two days," said Cal Poly men's and women's swimming head coach Rich Firman. "Most teams had each swimmer compete in only one event, where we had several compete in different events and swim very well."

Notable performances came from Cal Poly's Collins, Wyles and Kim Jackson.

Collins finished fourth in the men's 50-meter freestyle with a time of 21.98, and sixth in the 100-meter butterfly. Collins also

took 15th in the 200-meter freestyle with 1:52.50 behind teammate Wyles who finished 13th in the event with 1:51.53.

Wyles also took third in the 100-meter breaststroke and fourth in the 200-meter breaststroke.

Jackson took eighth place in the women's 50-meter freestyle with a time of 25.39, 11th in the 100-meter backstroke at 1:03.66, sixth in the 200-meter IM with 2:16.99 and fourth in the 100-meter freestyle.

Also giving a strong performance was Chris Mack who flew to third place in the 200-meter

butterfly, stopping the watch at 2:02.60. Pyka finished one place ahead of Wyles in the 200-meter breaststroke with a time of 2:13.29 and Gus Smeyers held his own, taking sixth in the 200 breaststroke.

Also over the break Cal Poly traveled to the Speedo Cup to take on schools from all over. Jackson, Jen Dyer and Jodie Snowbarger were finalists for the women. Mack, Collins, Wyles, Peter Krebbers, Pyka and Gab Flores were finalists for the men.

The teams head to Northridge Friday.

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ers with his second career double-double finishing with 29 points and 12 rebounds. Despite a valiant effort by the Mustangs, the Hornets managed to sneak away with a 73-70 victory at the end of regulation.

The injury-ridden Mustangs packed their bags and traveled to

Louisiana to battle with Southern University. Larson was not able to play, which once again forced Schneider to start the youngest lineup in the conference, including what has come to be known as the "fab-three-freshman."

Despite the fab-three's efforts, the Mustangs were defeated 97-85.

The Mustangs then had one day to regroup as they traveled to Arkansas to finish their road trip

by playing their fourth game in 12 days. Arkansas State was able to avenge its honor by defeating the Mustangs 114-90 after the Mustangs convincingly defeated them earlier in the season 83-63.

"More than anything the young players on our team were able to get some valuable playing time under their belt, so we will all benefit from them gaining experience," Larson said.

The Mustangs returned home and took their aggressions from the road trip out on Missouri-Kansas City in an exciting come-from-behind victory. The Kangaroos were up by eight points with 54 seconds left in the game when they were ignited by a three-point shot nailed by Ross Ketcham. In quick succession Larson had a steal and lay-up, and Washington hit two free-throws to cut the lead to one and he

also hit the go-ahead free throw after a Kangaroo score to seal the win for the Mustangs 79-78.

The Mustangs then continued their undefeated home winning streak with a victory over St. Mary's 89-73 with everyone healthy. Wozniak led all scores with 22 as the Mustangs improved their record to 7-5.

"Now all we have to do is win on the road," Wozniak said.

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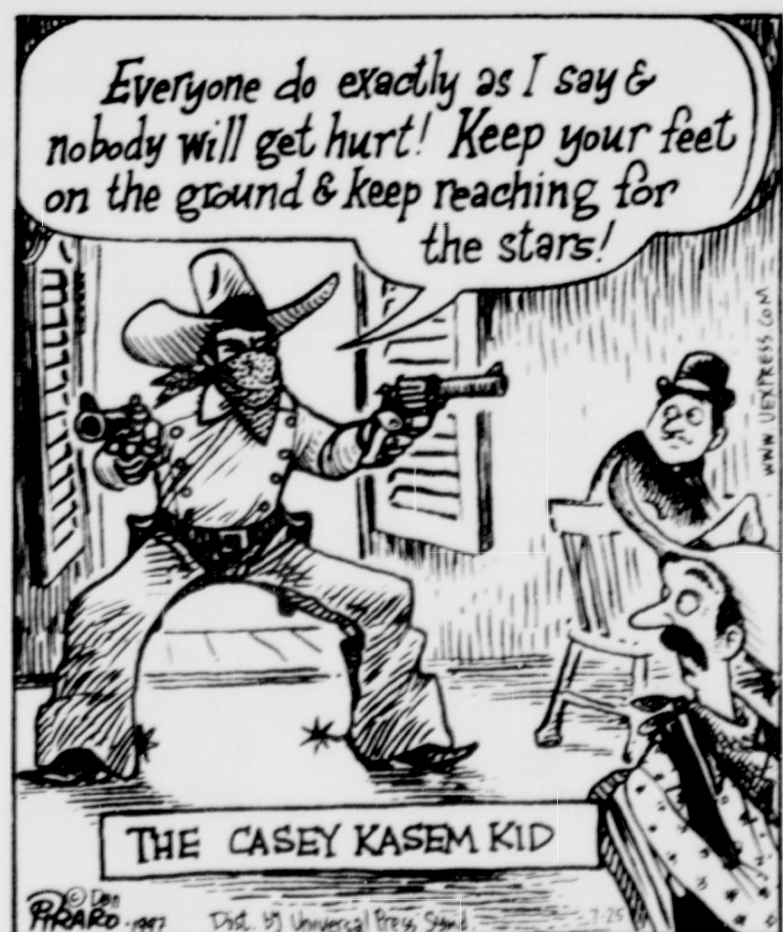


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SCORES

Women's Basketball

Gonzaga	83
Cal Poly	73
Cal Poly	58
San Diego	49
Tennessee, Martin	91
Cal Poly	76
Cal Poly	64
San Jose State	73
Cal Poly	84
Sacramento State	79
Cal Poly	51
South Florida University	74
Cal Poly	66
Central Florida University	80

Men's Basketball

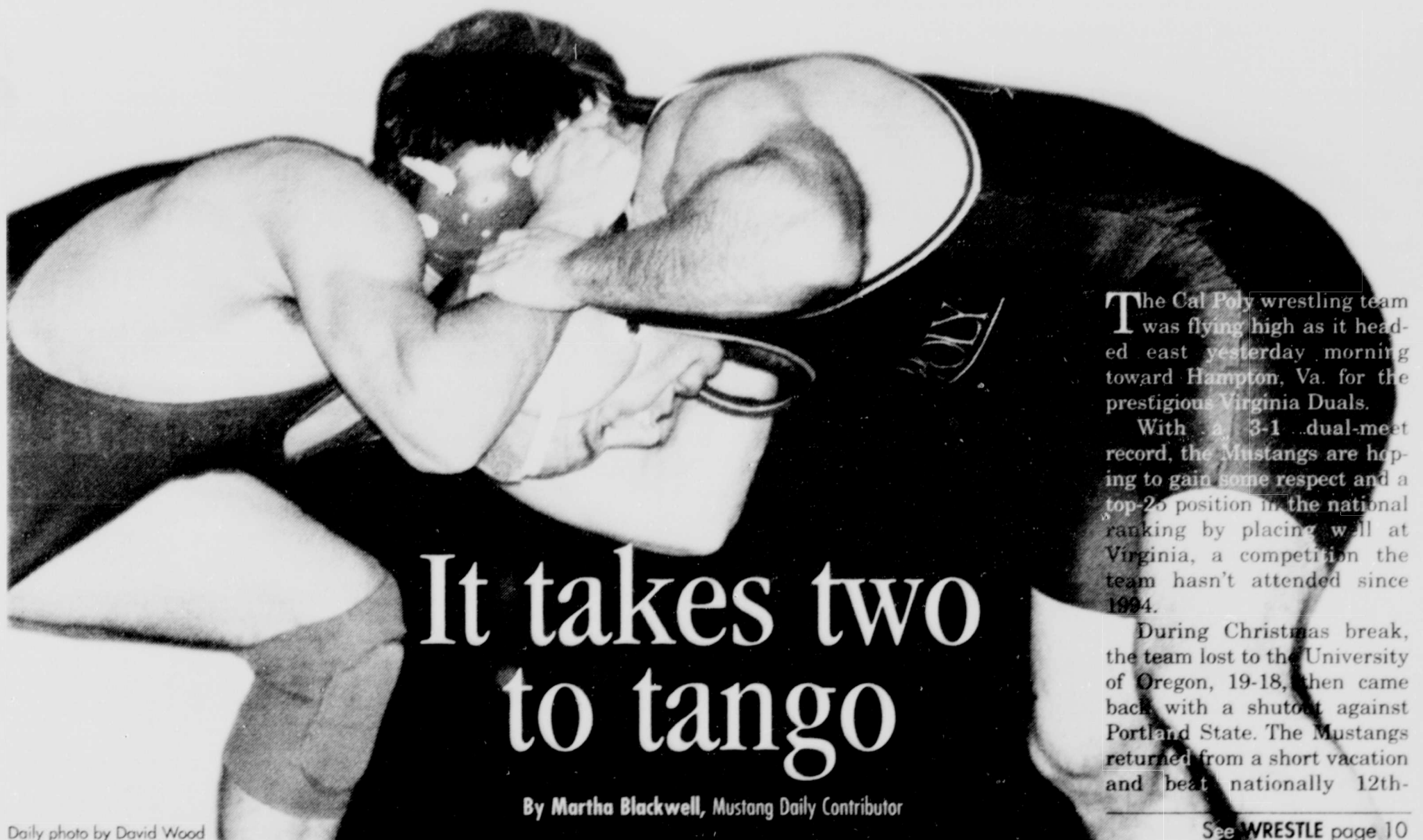
Cal Poly	90
AirForce Academy	100
Cal Poly	73
Sacramento State	70
Cal Poly	85
Southern University	97
Cal Poly	90
Arkansas State	114
Univ. Missouri-Kansas City	78
Cal Poly	79
St. Mary's	73
Cal Poly	89

Wrestling

Cal Poly	19
Oregon University	18
Cal Poly	45
Portland State	0
LeHigh University	17
Cal Poly	18
Boise State	9
Cal Poly	25

Swimming & Diving

U.C. Irvine Invitational	
Cal Poly men	3rd place
Cal Poly women	5th place



It takes two to tango

By Martha Blackwell, Mustang Daily Contributor

Daily photo by David Wood

The Cal Poly wrestling team was flying high as it headed east yesterday morning toward Hampton, Va. for the prestigious Virginia Duals.

With a 3-1 dual-meet record, the Mustangs are hoping to gain some respect and a top-25 position in the national ranking by placing well at Virginia, a competition the team hasn't attended since 1994.

During Christmas break, the team lost to the University of Oregon, 19-18, then came back with a shutout against Portland State. The Mustangs returned from a short vacation and beat nationally 12th-

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Men's basketball rebounds from losses

By Jeffrey Varner
Daily Staff Writer

The players on the Cal Poly men's basketball team have proven that they can beat the best teams in the Big West conference as long as they play on their home court in front of the Mott maniacs.

But when they go on the road, it's a different story.

While other students were out of town visiting with family and friends, these student athletes took to the road to compete in four games that would prove to be their most grueling test so far this season.

The Mustangs road trip began with facing the Air Force Falcons, but the team was not at full strength because of key injuries to co-captain Steve Fleming and Mike Wozniak, who led the Big West Conference in scoring with an average of over 22 points per game.

Head coach Jeff Schneider

inserted freshman Watende Favors for Fleming and freshman Jabbar Washington for Wozniak.

The Mustangs were led by Favors who scored a career-high 33 points in 31 minutes and had three steals despite being defeated at the hands of Air Force 100-90 at the end of regulation.

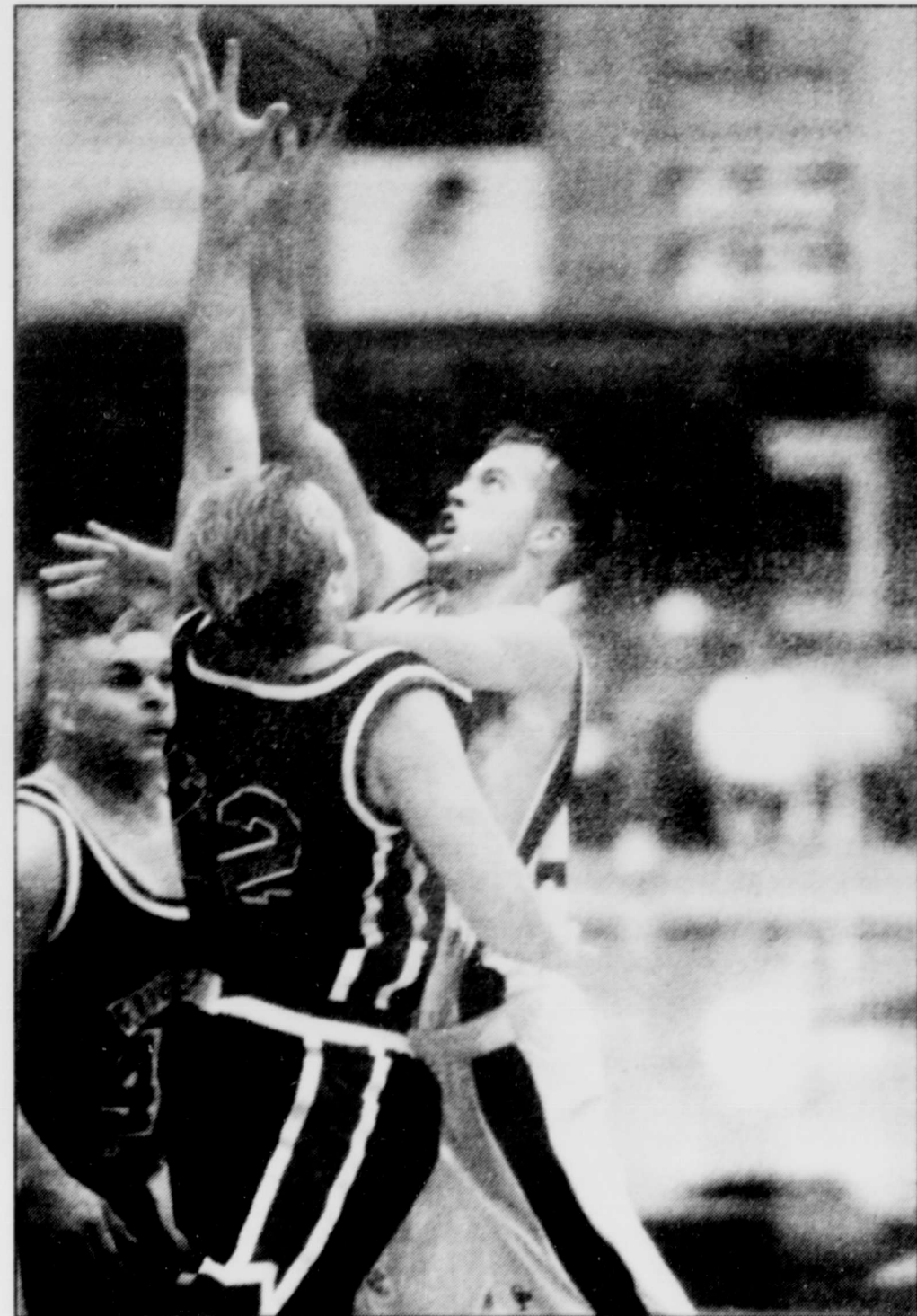
"I am especially proud of the three freshman who started that game, because although they don't have a lot of experience they over-achieved all expectations by their play," Schneider said.

The Mustangs then took to the road again to square-off against the Sacramento State Hornets.

Injuries once again took their toll on Larson and Wozniak as the backcourt dynamic duo from Indiana started the game but were both relatively ineffective. They combined for only eight points, which is well under their combined scoring average of 31 points per game.

Favors once again led all scor-

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Daily file photo by Joe Johnston

Sophomore guard Mike Wozniak, the Mustang's leading scorer, takes a shot.

Swimming excels in Big West meets

Daily Staff Report

The Cal Poly men's swimming team remains strong this year with two returning Big West conference champions who are ranked first this season in their

See SWIM page 11

Loud invited to participate in NFL Combines in February

Daily Staff Report

Cal Poly wide receiver Kamil Loud will participate in the NFL Combines February 5-9 at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. He is the first Mustang to be invited to participate since defensive lineman Pat Moore and Robert Morris in 1991.

Loud, a two-time Sporting

News All-American selection, concluded his Cal Poly football career as the all-time leader in receptions (169), touchdowns (26) and career receiving yards with 3,124.

This past season, Loud caught 33 passes for 708 yards and eight touchdowns, the longest being a 73-yard reception in the Mustangs' final game of the season against Cal State

Sacramento. He also had a 67-yarder in Cal Poly's win over then No. 16 Northern Iowa, a game that pitted Loud against NIU All-American defensive back Ty Taulton.

Cal Poly went 10-1 on the season under first-year coach Larry Welsh and finished the regular season ranked No. 17 in Division I-AA.